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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Unexplained Events - Enigmas

REFERENCES : a) DCI Memo, 28 Mar 80  
b) STIC Report, "Selected Soviet  
S&T Enigmas", dtd Dec 79

1. Prior to the establishment of the Office of Scientific and Weapons Research within the NFAC, components of both OSI and OWI routinely monitored and reported highlights of unexplained events falling within their purview. There was however, no formal attempt other than through the DCI's Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee (STIC), to correlate these events due to their individuality and lack of specific evidence to indicate any connection or similarity between any two events. (S)

2. The charter of the OSWR now incorporates those technology and system responsibilities that were previously assigned to the predecessor offices. With this unification of responsibilities, I believe the normal NFAC research, analysis and production process will now facilitate early identification of and possible linkages between new enigmas. Additionally, as noted in the referenced STIC report, the diverse nature of the existing enigmas and the continuing lack of a common thread, do not appear to lend support to the establishment of a dedicated enigma working group within the NFAC. A more fruitful approach would appear to be an expansion of the charters of the STIC and other DCI committees in WSSIC and JAEIC, to include an overview responsibility of all such unexplained events in their areas of responsibility. As in the past, NFAC would continue to serve on such enigma working groups, possibly with added analyst representation. (S)

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3. I believe continued NFAC support of DCI committee working groups with this specific responsibility, on an ad hoc rather than a dedicated basis, would make the best use of available resources toward resolving the unexplained events and activities. (S)



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